

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED YEAR 2007 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

On September 5, 2006, the Augusta-Richmond County Commission approved the Proposed Year 2007 Annual Action Plan.

CONTENTS OF THE 2007 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: The annual action plan is a component of the 5-Year CP (2005-2009) that was approved by the Commission March 29, 2005. The five year plan identifies the housing and community development needs of lower income households, homeless and special needs populations in the City of Augusta. The annual action plan describes all the activities to be undertaken during the next fiscal year utilizing formula grants and program income to address the identified needs in accordance with the strategies described in the 5-year CP. The annual action plan also serves as the City’s application for funding under each program and must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development annually no later than November 15, 2005.

On behalf of the Augusta-Richmond County Commission, the Housing and Community Development Department will conduct a public hearing on the Proposed 2007 Annual Action Plan implementing the third year of the 2005-2009 Consolidated Plan (CP) for Housing and Community Development.

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC HEARING: To present the Proposed 2007 Annual Action Plan to the public for review and comment.

WHEN: Thursday, September 7, 2006
TIME: 6:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Augusta-Richmond County Municipal Building
530 Greene Street
Lee Beard Commission Chambers, Room 803
Augusta, Georgia

Participation of all residents of Augusta, Georgia including minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with mobility, visual or hearing impairments are encouraged to attend. Persons desiring accommodations should contact Mrs. Rose White at 821-1797.

The Augusta-Richmond County Commission hereby publishes a summary of the 2007 Proposed Annual Action Plan. For Year 2007, the City expects to receive the following Federal funds and program income:

▪ Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program	\$2,333,406
- CDBG Program Income (repayments from loans)	\$ 222,000
▪ Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program	\$ 100,177
▪ HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	\$1,279,749
- HOME Program Income (repayments from loans)	\$ 234,000
▪ American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI)	\$ 23,154
▪ Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	\$ 376,000
TOTAL RESOURCES TO BE AVAILABLE DURING 2007	\$4,568,486

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM
TOTAL FUNDS ANTICIPATED TO BE AVAILABLE - \$2,555,406**

PROPOSED USE OF 2007 CDBG FUNDS	PROPOSED BUDGET
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Public Facilities & Improvements

Antioch Ministries, Inc.	\$ 100,000
1333 Blount Avenue	
Grant for the acquisition and demolition of properties for construction of facility to be used for business incubator and training for small businesses.	

Apple Valley Park, Phase III	\$ 60,000
1719 Marvin Griffin Road	
Grant to fund the architectural design of the community center.	
Augusta Canal Authority	\$ 155,000
1450 Greene Street, Suite 400	
Grant for construction of park at Ninth Street and Walton Way.	
Golden Harvest Food Bank, Inc.	\$ 100,000
3310 Commerce Drive	
Grant for purchase of kitchen equipment for new soup kitchen to be located next to existing facility on Fenwick Street.	
ARC Recreation Dept. - Henry Brigham Center	\$ 60,000
2027 Lumpkin Road	
Grant for the reconstruction of existing tennis courts at 2463 Golden Camp Road.	
ARC Recreation Dept – McDuffie Woods Community Center	\$ 25,000
2027 Lumpkin Road	
Grant for construction of walking tract at center located at 3431 Old McDuffie Rd	
MACH Academy, Inc.	\$ 125,000
1850 Chester Avenue	
Grant to be used for enclosures for existing outdoor tennis courts.	
<u>Clearance & Demolition</u>	
ARC License & Inspection	\$ 100,000
1815 Marvin Griffin Road	
Funds to be used for to subsidize costs for demolition and clearance of dilapidated structures in low income areas.	
<u>Public Services</u>	
Art Factory, Inc.	\$ 7,525
1510 Johns Road	
Grant to be used to provide art classes and camps for low income youths.	
Augusta Mini Theatre, Inc.	\$ 20,000
430 Eighth Street	
Grant to provide piano, dance and drama classes to youths, adults & seniors.	
Augusta Task Force for the Homeless, Inc.	\$ 15,809.01
730 East Boundary	
Grant to assist with providing services to homeless.	
Augusta Urban Ministries, Inc.	\$ 15,000
303 Hale Street	
Grant to provide tuition assistance for childcare to low income individuals working and/or attending continuing education programs.	
Boys and Girls Club, Inc.	\$ 10,000
1903 Division Street	
Grant to support salaries for youths participating in the club’s Junior Staff Career Development Program.	
CSRA Economic Oportunity Authority, Inc.	\$ 13,000
1261 Greene Street	
Grant to provide supportive services and transitional housing to the homeless.	
Care Management Consultants, Inc.	\$ 20,000
1105 Druid Park Avenue	
Grant for providing transportation services to seniors and the disabled.	
Child Enrichment, Inc.	\$ 10,000
P. O. Box 12036	
Grant to support costs related to providing assistance in placing children in foster care.	

Communities In Schools, Inc.	\$	8,000
1132 Druid Park Avenue		
Grant to support costs related to providing mentoring to at-risk youths in public housing.		
Coordinated Health Services, Inc.	\$	20,000
1384 Greene Street		
Grant to support costs related to providing health care to homeless persons.		
Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.	\$	6,500
209 Seventh Street, Suite 400		
Grant to support costs related to proving legal representation to persons at-risk of being homeless.		
Golden Harvest Food Bank, Inc.	\$	25,000
3310 Commerce Drive		
Grant to support costs related to providing food “Brown Bags” to seniors.		
Hope House, Inc.	\$	15,000
3212 Wrightsboro Road & 2542 Milledgeville Road		
Grant to support costs related to providing supportive services and transitional housing to females suffering from substance abuse.		
JWC Helping Hands, Inc.	\$	12,800
2050 Bolt Drive		
Grant to support costs related to providing food to low income persons.		
Kids Restart, Inc.	\$	10,000
608 Broad Street		
Grant to support costs related to providing services to abused and neglected children and their family.		
Light of the World Neighborhood and Economic Development, Inc.	\$	5,665.99
1882 Alabama Road		
Grant to support costs related to providing tutoring program and transportation services to seniors.		
Little World of Learning	\$	20,000
Augusta Housing Authority Child Development Center, Inc. – 1425 Walton Way		
Grant to support costs related to providing childcare during summer to low to very low income families.		
MACH Academy, Inc.	\$	15,000
1850 Chester Avenue		
Grant to support costs related to providing tutoring, mentoring & tennis lessons to at-risk youths.		
Miracle Making, Inc.	\$	12,000
1127 Druid Park Avenue		
Grant to support costs of health clinic that provide healthcare to low income persons.		
Neighborhood Improvement Project, Inc.	\$	3,700
2467 Golden Camp Road		
Grant to support costs related to providing tutoring program to low income youths.		
New Bethlehem Center, Inc.	\$	10,000
1336 Conklin Avenue		
Grant to support costs related to providing an after school program to low income youth at the center.		
Safe Homes, Inc.	\$	10,000
Grant to support costs in providing emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence.		
Salvation Army	\$	15,000
1384 Greene Street		
Grant to support costs related to providing emergency shelter and soup kitchen to the homeless.		

Rehabilitation

Housing Rehabilitation Program \$ 744,325
Continuation of the city’s owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program to qualified low and moderate income homeowners. Program components include deferred and low interest rate loans to finance repairs to substandard single family and multi-family residences, emergency grants, free paint and limited housing improvements by World Changers.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement \$ 100,000
ARC License & Inspection – 1815 Marvin Griffin Road
For code enforcement in low income neighborhoods to arrest decline of low income areas.

Antioch Ministries Micro-Loan Program \$ 25,000
1333 Blount Avenue
Grant to support costs related to providing training to small businesses.

Economic Development Revolving Loan Program ... \$ 100,000
To provide low interest loans up to \$25,000 to small businesses to create or retain jobs for low and moderate income persons.

Planning and Administration

ARC Planning Commission \$ 40,000
525 Telfair Street
Grant to subsidize administrative costs of providing program planning and environmental review assistance for the CDBG Program.

General Administration \$ 471,081
Housing and Community Development Department, 925 Laney-Walker Blvd.
Funds to be used for the general administration of the CDBG Program.

Unprogrammed Funds

Contingency \$ 50,000
Housing & Community Development Department, 925 Laney-Walker Blvd.
Funds to be used for project overruns.

TOTAL CDBG FUNDS \$ 2,555,406

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (ESG) PROGRAM
TOTAL FUNDS ANTICIPATED TO BE AVAILABLE - \$100,177

PROPOSED USE OF 2007 ESG FUNDS **PROPOSED BUDGET**

Augusta Task Force for the Homeless, Inc. \$ 6,000
730 East Boundary
Grant to support costs related to providing birth certificates and identification cards to the homeless and those at-risk of being homeless.

Augusta Urban Ministries \$ 5,000
303 Hale Street
Grant to support costs related to providing furniture and bicycles to the homeless leaving a shelter, streets, transitional housing, etc.

Beulah Grove Resource Center, Inc. \$ 4,000
1446 Lee Beard Way
Grant to support costs related to providing emergency financial assistance to prevent homelessness.

Coordinated Health Services, Inc. \$ 8,000
Good Samaritan Respite Center - 2110 Broad Street
Grant to support health care costs related to providing homeless persons in fragile health a place to recover from illness.

CSRA Economic Opportunity Authority, Inc.	\$	11,000
1261 Greene Street		
Grant to support costs related to providing transitional housing and supportive services to the homeless.		
Georgia Legal Services Program, Inc.	\$	5,000
209 Seventh Street		
Grant to support costs related to providing legal assistance to homeless and at-risk clients.		
Golden Harvest Food Bank, Inc.	\$	11,000
Master’s Soup Kitchen - 842 Fenwick Street		
Grant to support costs related to providing noontime meals to the homeless and low income persons.		
Hope House, Inc.	\$	11,000
2542 Milledgeville Road & 3212 Wrightsboro Road		
Grant to support costs related to providing treatment of homeless women suffering from substance abuse.		
Interfaith Hospitality Network of Augusta, Inc.	\$	6,000
2177 Central Avenue		
Grant to support costs related to providing emergency shelter and supportive services to homeless families.		
St. Stephens Ministry of Augusta, Inc.	\$	7,000
924 Greene Street		
Grant to support costs related to providing transitional housing and supportive services to persons living with HIV/AIDS.		
Safe Homes of Augusta, Inc.	\$	9,000
P. O. Box 3187		
Grant to support costs related to proving housing and supportive services to victims of domestic violence.		
Salvation Army	\$	7,000
1384 Greene Street		
Grant to support costs related to providing assistance to the homeless and those at-risk of being homeless (homeless prevention).		
Salvation Army	\$	7,000
1384 Greene Street		
Grant to support costs related to providing employment training to homeless men.		
ESG Administration	\$	3,177
Housing & Community Development Department – 925 Laney-Walker Blvd.		
For administration of the ESG Program.		
TOTAL ESG FUNDS	\$	100,177

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM (HOME) &
AMERICAN DREAM DOWNPAYMENT INITIATIVE (ADDI)
TOTAL FUNDS ANTICIPATED TO BE AVAILABLE - \$1,536,903

PROPOSED USE OF 2007 HOME & ADDI FUNDS	PROPOSED BUDGET
Antioch Ministries, Inc.	\$ 200,000
1333 Blount Avenue	
Perry-Brown Corridor Revitalization	
Grant to support the new construction of 5 affordable single family houses near the intersection of Perry Avenue, Augusta Avenue and Brown Street.	

Augusta Neighborhood Improvement Corporation, Inc.	\$	150,000
925 Laney-Walker Blvd. 3 rd Floor		
Sunset Villa North Revitalization – 1750 Essie McIntyre Blvd.		
Grant to support the rehabilitation of 44 units at Sunset Villa Apartments (north side).		
Promise Land Community Development Corporation, Inc.	\$	150,000
2409 Amsterdam Drive		
South Augusta Revitalization continuation		
Grant to support costs of acquiring 7 homes for rehabilitation and ultimately sell to low and moderate income homebuyers.		
Sand Hills Urban Development Corporation, Inc.	\$	135,837
P. O. Box 3151		
Sand Hills Revitalization continuation		
Grant to support the new construction of 6 homes for low income homebuyers in the Sand Hills neighborhood.		
Homeownership Program	\$	246,596
Housing & Community Development Department – 925 Laney-Walker Blvd.		
To support costs related to providing downpayment and closing cost assistance to first-time homebuyers.		
\$156,596 in conditional deferred loans available for clients city-wide.		
\$90,000 in grants and deferred loans available for CHDOs.		
ADDI	\$	23,154
Housing & Community Development Department – 925 Laney-Walker Blvd.		
Additional funds to be used in conjunction with the above Homeownership Program.		
Demolition/Rebuild Program	\$	160,000
Housing & Community Development Department – 925 Laney-Walker Blvd.		
Loans to fund the reconstruction of up to 2 affordable single family units.		
Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-aside	\$	255,950
Funds to be used by CHDOs to develop, sponsor or own affordable housing.		
CHDO Operating Funds	\$	63,987
Funds to be used to pay for operating expenses and capacity-building of CHDOs involved in housing development projects.		
Administration	\$	151,379
Housing & Community Development Department – 925 Laney-Walker Blvd.		
For general administration of HOME Program.		
TOTAL HOME AND ADDI FUNDS	\$	1,536,903

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HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA) PROGRAM

TOTAL FUNDS ANTICIPATED TO BE AVAILABLE - \$376,000

PROPOSED USE OF 2007 HOPWA FUNDS

PROPOSED BUDGET

Hope Health, Inc.	\$	100,000
151 Waterloo Avenue		
Grant for administering of the HOPWA Program in Aiken and Edgefield counties.		
Funds to be used for providing rental/mortgage/utility assistance and supportive services to HIV/AIDS clients.		
St. Stephens Ministry of Augusta, Inc.	\$	244,720
924 Greene Street		
Grant for administering of the HOPWA Program in Burke, Columbia, McDuffie and Richmond counties. Funds to be used for providing rental/mortgage/utility assistance and supportive services to HIV/AIDS clients.		

Resource Identification	\$ 20,000
Housing & Community Development Department – 925 Laney-Walker Blvd. Funds to be used to pay for the cost of establishing and coordinating housing assistance resources for HOPWA program clients.	
Administration	\$ 11,280
Housing & Community Development Department – 925 Laney-Walker Blvd. Funds to be used for administration of the HOPWA Program.	
TOTAL HOPWA FUNDS	\$ 376,000

**CITIZEN REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD
(September 9, 2006 through October 9, 2006)**

The City of Augusta will be seeking public comments on the Proposed 2007 Annual Action Plan for 30 days. The public comment period starts September 9, 2006 and expires 5:00 p.m. October 9, 2006. The Plan will be available at the following locations beginning on Monday, September 11, 2006:

Clerk of Commission Augusta-Richmond County Municipal Building 530 Greene Street, Room 806 Augusta, GA 30901	Augusta-Richmond County Public Library 902 Greene Street Augusta, GA 30901
Housing & Community Development Department 925 Laney-Walker Blvd. Augusta, GA 30901	ARC Planning Commission 525 Telfair Street Augusta, GA 30901

A limited number of copies will be available free of charge to the public. Citizens and agencies should submit their written comments on the plan to:

Paul DeCamp, Interim Director
Housing & Community Development Department
925 Laney-Walker Blvd., Augusta, GA 30901
(706) 821-1797

After considering citizens views and comments, the Commission may consider revising the Proposed Annual Action Plan. A summary of views and comments not accepted and the reasons therefore will be incorporated into the final version of the plan and submitted to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

DISPLACEMENT: It is the policy of the City that displacement of persons shall be held to an absolute minimum as the result of CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA activities. If displacement is unavoidable, displacement will be done in conformance with the prevailing City's Local Community Development Displacement/Relocation policy, the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970 as amended, and HUD's implementing regulations. Copies of the Local Community Development Displacement/Relocation Policy are available for public review at the Housing & Community Development Department.

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